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Thornberry made shadow defence secretary

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Sainsbury’s approaches Home Retail Group

Cost savings and real estate rationalisation may help Sainsbury’s and Home Retail Group fight harsh competition. The FT’s Robert Armstrong and Jonathan Eley discuss the operating logic and potential synergies arising from the combination of two of the UK’s largest retailers.

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Platform under pressure to show accessibility for new users

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Regulator also preparing permanent rules to discourage large sales in the open market

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US car industry scores 2015 sales record

Recovery to continue this year though pace of growth may slow, analysts say

US lawsuit brings VW back down to earth

Resolving matters in the US is key to the scandal-hit carmaker's recovery, say analysts

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Attacks come at a time when country's ability to cope with asylum seekers is being questioned

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But move threatens to unleash forces beyond Riyadh's control, analysts warn

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National producer fears key installations will fall into militants' hands as shelling continues

Trump adds paid-for TV ads to arsenal

Republican frontrunner and past master of garnering news coverage releases first commercial

Missing HK bookseller is a UK citizen

Latest twist in case that has raised concerns over territory's autonomy

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UK tech start-ups raise $3.6bn in 2015

Strong investor appetite for London-based start-ups and fintech groups sees record inflows into country

'Two and 20' add up for Brevan Howard

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Casio to map out new smartwatch territory

Group focuses on outdoor activities to steer clear of Apple Watch

China's Li Ning on track to end bad run

Sports brand expects to break even for 2015 after three years of losses

Fitbit: Blazing a fail

New smartwatch was received poorly but acquisitions could still be on the table

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China jitters shadow Asia bourses

Mainland markets nudge higher as government redoubles support efforts

Oil trading houses tweak old playbook

Independent traders help cash-strapped producers get their oil to market

Intervention pressure remains on Riksbank

Swedish central bank fears strategy being derailed by krone strength

Renminbi poses communication challenge

Investors attempt to gauge central bank's willingness to allow market set exchange rate

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Limited balance sheet expansion seen as loan demand is subdued

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Governments and businesses do not seek out superforecasters. And perhaps for good reason

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Making a new element is a labour of love, money and patience

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The experience of sharing major life events in person is too good to miss

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